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# Vector-Valued Support Vector Regression (Paper #1751)

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# Vector-Valued Support Vector Regression

- The training data are of the form  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$ ,  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
- Desire to minimize the loss functional (also called empirical risk functional)

$$\mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

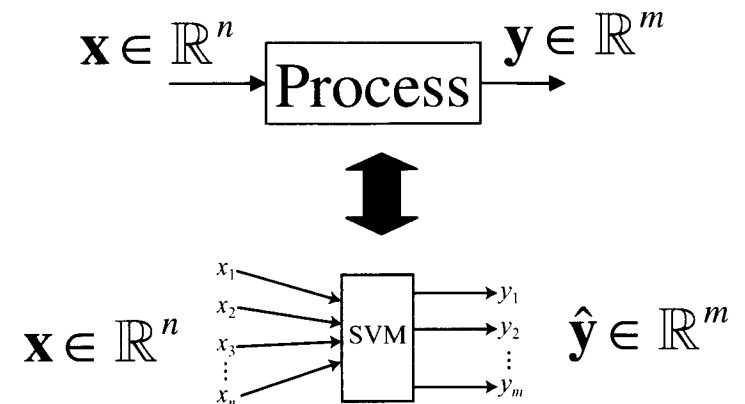
- Parameter preference expressed by regularization functional

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$$

- Balance the two as regularized risk functional

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C\mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$$

Handwritten note:  $\mathcal{P}$



$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

How should these be defined?

# Parameters and estimator

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(y_i, \blacksquare(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

**Parameters:**

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \{\mathbf{w}, b\}, \quad \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^v, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

- The weight  $\mathbf{w}$  is free.
- The bias  $b$  is free.

**Estimator form:**



- The mapping  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\cdot)$  is given.
- The estimator is linear in the range of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\cdot)$  !

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(\mathbf{y}_i, \blacksquare(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

**Parameters:**

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}, \quad \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times v}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

- The weight  $\mathbf{W}$  is free.
- The bias  $\mathbf{b}$  is free.

**Estimator form:**



- The mapping  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\cdot)$  is given.
- The estimator is linear in the range of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\cdot)$  !

# Regularization and Loss

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{L}(y_i, f(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

**Regularization functional:**

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$$

- The weight  $\mathbf{w}$  penalized.
- The bias  $b$  is not penalized.

**Loss Function:**



Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

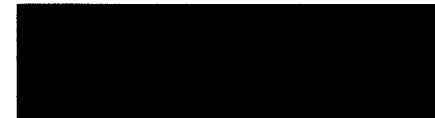
$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$

**Regularization functional:**

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T)$$

- The weight  $\mathbf{W}$  penalized.
- The bias  $\mathbf{b}$  is not penalized.

**Loss Function:**



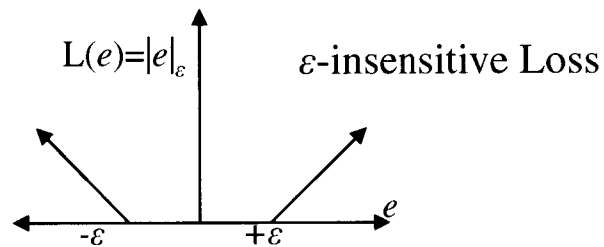
**More to follow**

# The Loss Function (continued)

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$e \triangleq y - \hat{y}$$

$$L(e) \triangleq |e|_\varepsilon = \max(0, |e| - \varepsilon)$$

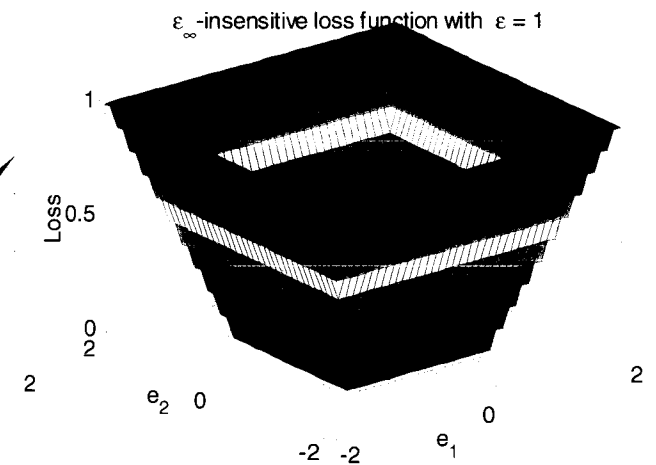
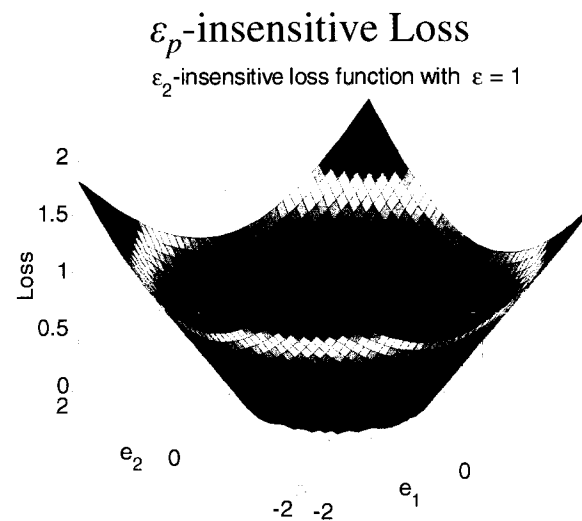
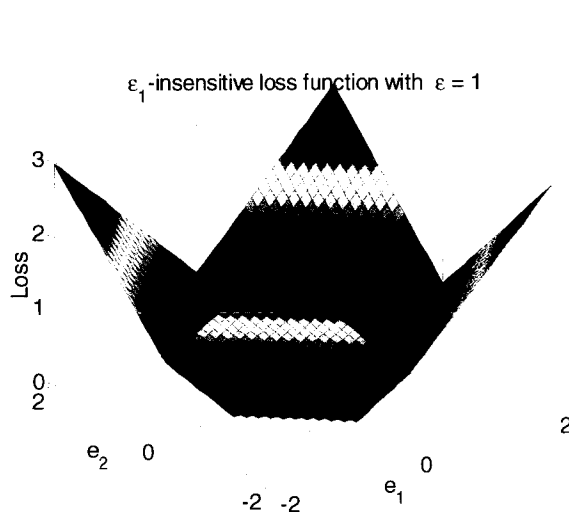


Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\mathbf{e} \triangleq \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$L(\mathbf{e}) \triangleq \|\mathbf{e}\|_p|_\varepsilon = \max(0, \|\mathbf{e}\|_p - \varepsilon)$$

$$\|\mathbf{e}\|_p \triangleq \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m |e_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \max_j (|e_j|) & p \sim \infty \end{cases}$$



# Put it all Together

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

**Regularized Risk Functional:**

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(y_i, f(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$



$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b|_{\varepsilon}$$

**Problem:**

Minimize:  $R_{reg}(\mathbf{w}, b)$   
 $\{\mathbf{w}, b\}$

Given:  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, C, \varepsilon, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\cdot)$



Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

**Regularized Risk Functional:**

$$R_{reg} = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\pi}) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} L(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\pi}))$$



$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b}\|_p|_{\varepsilon}$$

**Problem:**

Minimize:  $R_{reg}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b})$   
 $\{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$

Given:  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, C, \varepsilon, \|\cdot\|_p, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\cdot)$



But what about the mapping  $\boldsymbol{\phi}(\cdot)$ ?

# Back to SVM: How to solve it

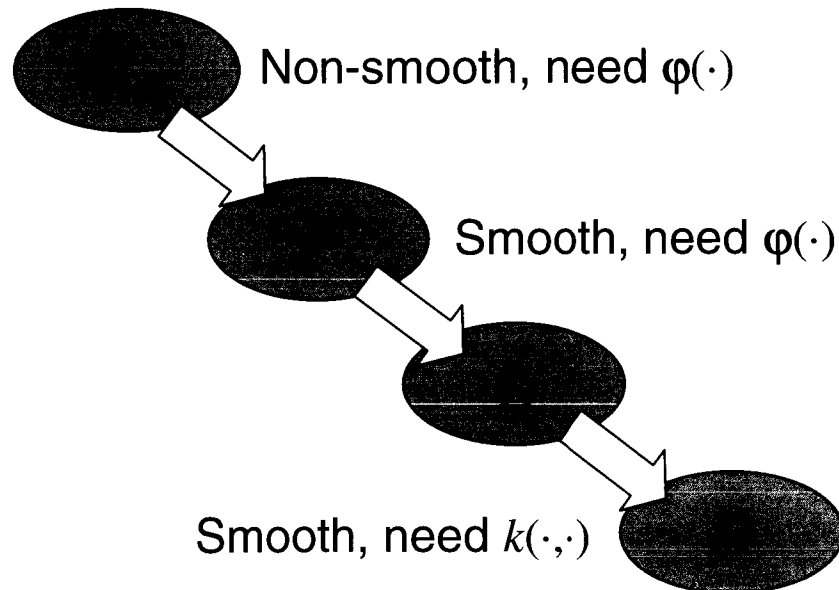
Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

## Problem:

Minimize:  
 $\{\mathbf{w}, b\}$

$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b|_{\varepsilon}$$

## Approach:



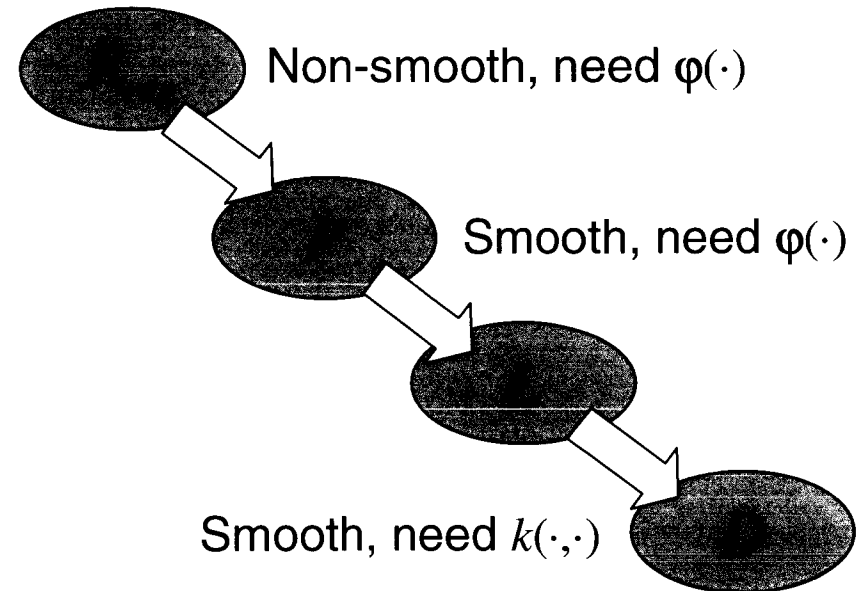
Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

## Problem:

Minimize:  
 $\{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$

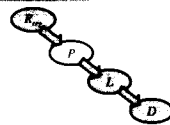
$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b}\|_p|_{\varepsilon}$$

## Approach:





# The Primal Problem



Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

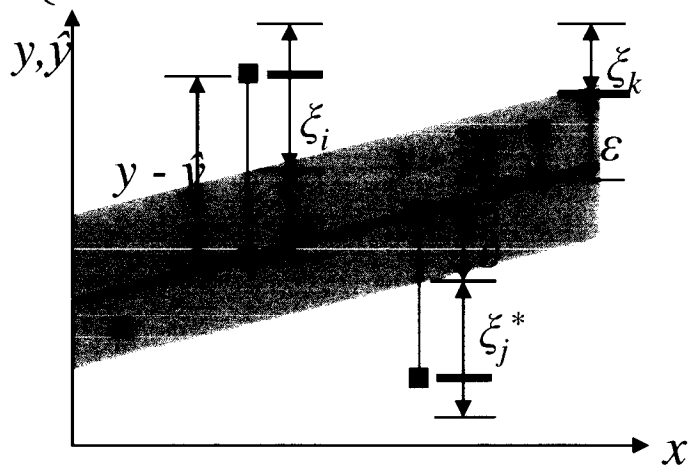
Minimize:

$$\mathbf{w}, b, \{\xi_i, \xi_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$

subject to:

$$\begin{cases} y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b - \varepsilon - \xi_i \leq 0 \\ -y_i + \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + b - \varepsilon - \xi_i^* \leq 0 \\ \xi_i, \xi_i^* > 0 \end{cases}$$



Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Minimize:

$$\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}, \{\xi_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$$

Primal Variables

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \xi_i$$

subject to:

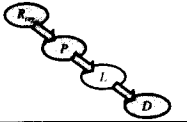
$$\begin{cases} \|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p - \varepsilon - \xi_i \leq 0, & \xi_i \geq 0 \\ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i \leq \mathbf{0}, & \boldsymbol{\delta}_i \geq \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{y}_i + \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \leq \mathbf{0}, & \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \geq \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$$

$\boldsymbol{\delta}_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*$  and  $\xi_i$  are slack variables

Example: slack variable  $\pi$

$$a \leq b \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a + \pi = b \\ \pi \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

# The Lagrange Problem



Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

Minimize, Maximize:  
 $\mathbf{w}, b, \{\xi_i, \xi_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$      $\{\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \eta_i, \eta_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$

$$L \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\xi_i + \xi_i^*)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i (\varepsilon + \xi_i - y_i + \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + b)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^* (\varepsilon + \xi_i^* + y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\eta_i \xi_i + \eta_i^* \xi_i^*)$$

subject to:  $\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*, \eta_i, \eta_i^* \geq 0$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Minimize, Maximize:  
 $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}, \{\xi_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$      $\{\alpha_i, \eta_i, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^*\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$

Dual Variables

$$L \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \xi_i$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i (\|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p - \varepsilon - \xi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \eta_i \xi_i$$

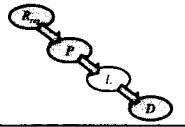
$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^T (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^{*T} (-\mathbf{y}_i + \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^{*T} \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*)$$

subject to:  $\alpha_i, \eta_i \geq 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^* \geq 0$

# Minimization of $L$ over Primals



Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{w} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\alpha_i^* - \alpha_i) \mathbf{x}_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i} = C - \alpha_i - \eta_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i^*} = C - \alpha_i^* - \eta_i^* = 0$$

Introduce:  $\beta_i = \alpha_i - \alpha_i^*$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\gamma_i^* - \gamma_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{W} - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} (\gamma_i - \gamma_i^*) \boldsymbol{\phi}^T(\mathbf{x}_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \xi_i} = C - \alpha_i - \eta_i = 0$$

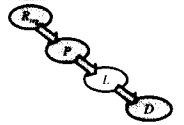
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}_i} = \alpha_i \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*}{\|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p} \right)^{p-1} - \gamma_i - \boldsymbol{\theta}_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*} = \alpha_i \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*}{\|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p} \right)^{p-1} - \gamma_i^* - \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^* = 0$$

Introduce:  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i = \gamma_i - \gamma_i^*$

$\mathbf{e}_i = \boldsymbol{\delta}_i - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*$

# Implications of Optimization



Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

**Equality Constraint:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i = 0$$

**Weights:**

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

**Constraints:**

$$C - \alpha_i - \eta_i = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_i \leq C$$

$$C - \alpha_i^* - \eta_i^* = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_i^* \leq C$$

**Estimator:**

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + b$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + b$$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

**Equality Constraint:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0$$

**Weights:**

$$\mathbf{W} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i \boldsymbol{\phi}^T(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

**Constraints:**

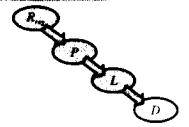
$$C - \alpha_i - \eta_i = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_i \leq C$$

**Estimator:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}$$

# The Dual Problem



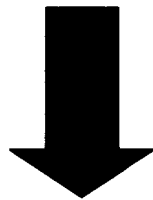
Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

## Regularized Risk:

Minimize:  
 $\{\mathbf{w}, b\}$

$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b|_{\varepsilon}$$

## Dual Problem:



Maximize:  
 $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \beta_i \beta_j \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} y_i \beta_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |\beta_i|$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i = 0, \quad |\beta_i| \leq C$$

Solve for  $\beta_i$  numerically

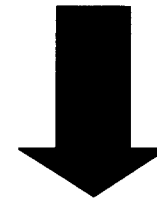
Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

## Regularized Risk:

Minimize:  
 $\{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}\}$

$$R_{reg} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T) + C \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W}\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b}\|_p|_{\varepsilon}$$

## Dual Problem:



Maximize:  
 $\{\Gamma_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\Gamma_i\|_q$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_q \leq C \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Solve for  $\Gamma_i$  numerically

# Half Way There

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

**Dual Problem:**

Solve for  $\beta_i$   
numerically

Maximize:  $D(\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell})$

Subject to:  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i = 0, \quad |\beta_i| \leq C$

**Estimator:**

$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$$

**Support Vectors:**  $\{\mathbf{x}_i : \beta_i \neq 0\}$

The bias remains to be found

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

**Dual Problem:**

Solve for  $\Gamma_i$   
numerically

Maximize:  $D(\{\Gamma_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell})$

Subject to:  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_q \leq C$

**Estimator:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}$$

**Support Vectors:**  $\{\mathbf{x}_i : \Gamma_i \neq 0\}$

The bias remains to be found

Must Develop the KKT Conditions to find bias

# KKT Conditions

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i(\varepsilon + \xi_i - y_i + \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + b) &= 0 \\ \alpha_i^*(\varepsilon + \xi_i^* + y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b) &= 0 \\ \eta_i \xi_i &= (C - \alpha_i) \xi_i = 0 \\ \eta_i^* \xi_i^* &= (C - \alpha_i^*) \xi_i^* = 0\end{aligned}$$

Note:  $\circ$  denotes a parallel or element-wise product.  
Exponents are taken element-wise

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_i \left( \left\| \boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \right\|_p - \varepsilon - \xi_i \right) &= 0 \\ \eta_i \xi_i &= (C - \alpha_i) \xi_i = 0 \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \circ (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i) &= \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^* \circ (-\mathbf{y}_i + \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{b} - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*) &= \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\delta}_i &= \left( \alpha_i \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*}{\left\| \boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \right\|_p} \right)^{p-1} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^* \right) \circ \boldsymbol{\delta}_i = \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^* \circ \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* &= \left( \alpha_i \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*}{\left\| \boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \right\|_p} \right)^{p-1} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^* \right) \circ \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* = \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

# Implications of KKT Conditions

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Primal + Dual + KKT conditions imply

(absolute value and exponent are taken element wise)

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i^* = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Gamma_{i,j} \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{sign}(\Gamma_{i,j}) = \text{sign}(e_{i,j})$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i| = \alpha_i \frac{d}{d\mathbf{e}_i} (\|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p)$$

Lemma 1

$$\alpha_i = \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q$$

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_i - \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^* \equiv \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

$$\frac{|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i|}{\|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q} = \left| \frac{\mathbf{e}_i}{\|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p} \right|^{p-1}, \quad \forall p \in [1, \infty]$$

or

$$\left| \frac{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i}{\|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q} \right|^q = \left| \frac{\mathbf{e}_i}{\|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p} \right|^p, \quad p \neq 1$$



# KKT Conditions (in the tube)

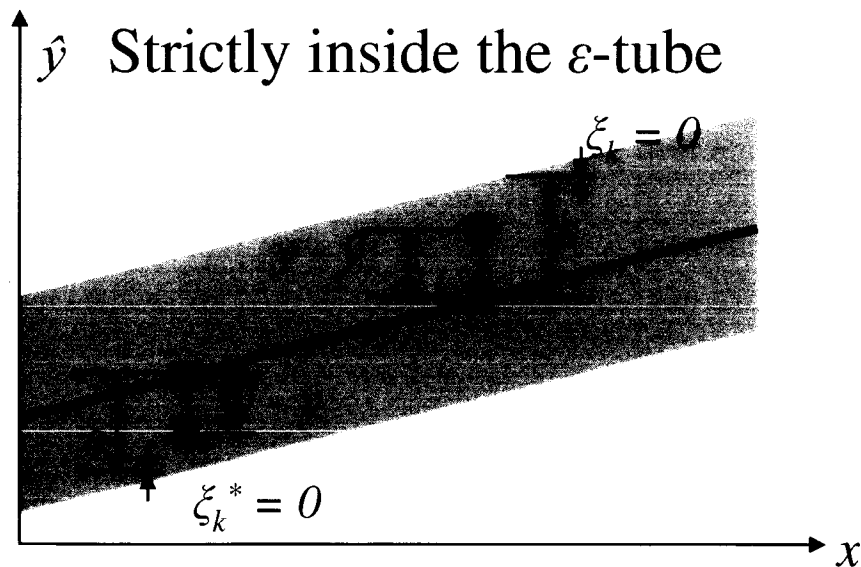
$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_i^* = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b = e_i < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow -y_i + \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}_i) + b = -e_i < \varepsilon$$

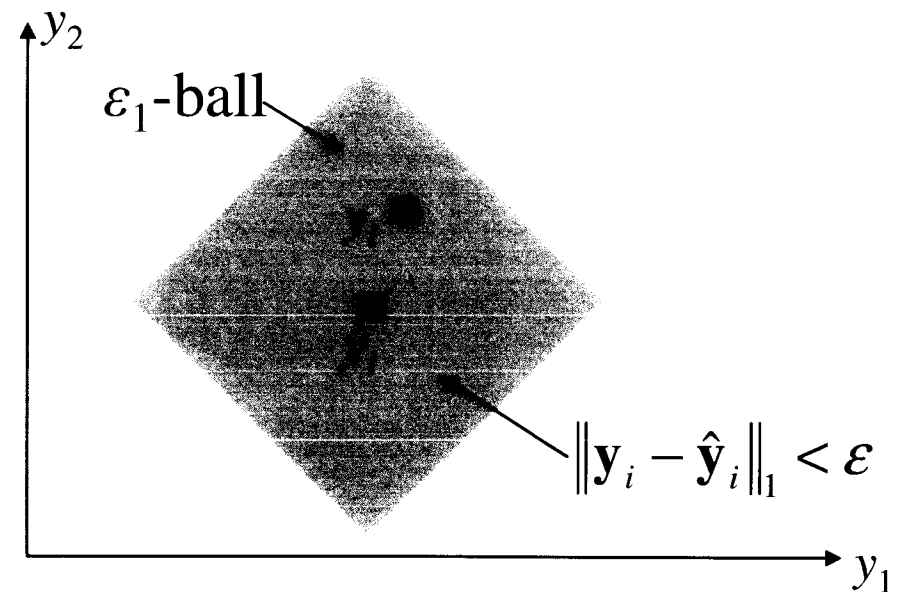


Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\alpha_i = \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p = \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p < \varepsilon$$

Strictly inside the  $\varepsilon_p$ -ball



# KKT Conditions (on the margin)

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

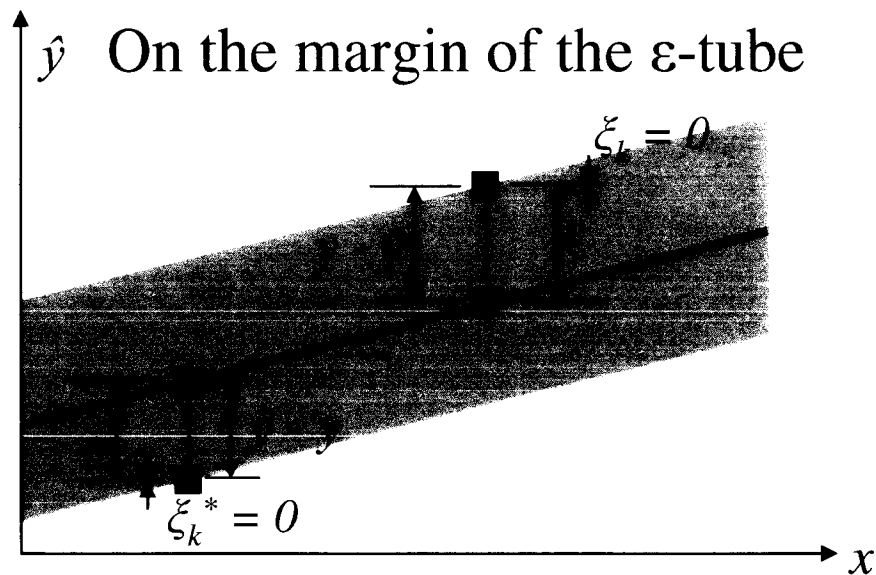
Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha_i \in (0, C)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \triangleq e_i = \varepsilon$$



$$\Rightarrow y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \triangleq \text{margin}$$

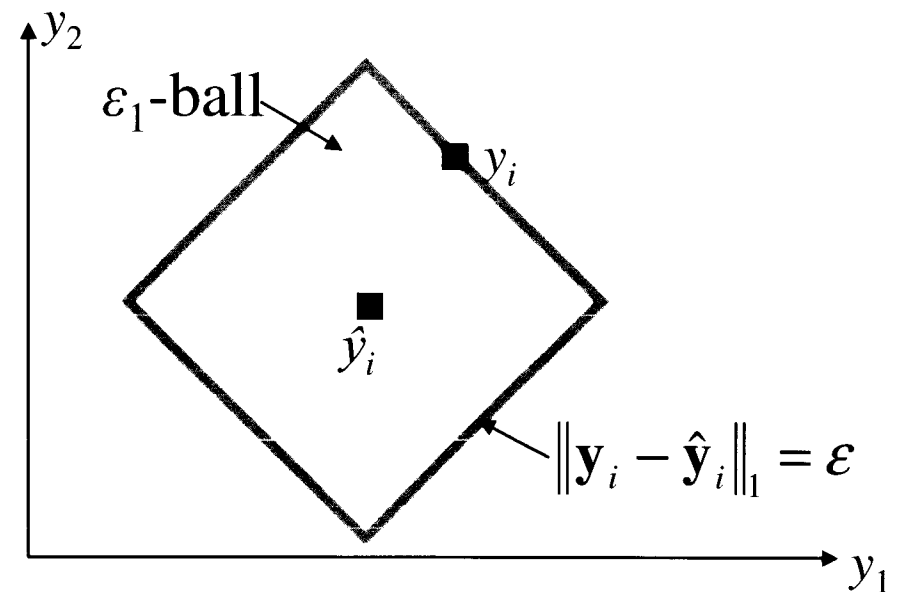


Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\alpha_i = \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q \in (0, C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p = \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p = \varepsilon$$

On the boundary of the  $\varepsilon_p$ -ball



# KKT Conditions (out of the tube)

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

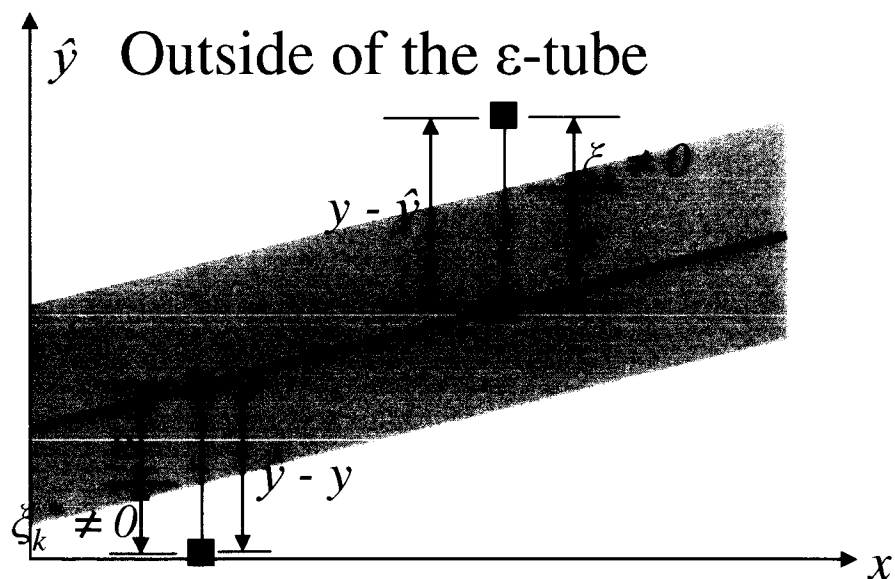
Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha_i = C$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \triangleq e_i > \varepsilon$$



$$\Rightarrow y_i - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i) - b \triangleq e_i < -\varepsilon$$

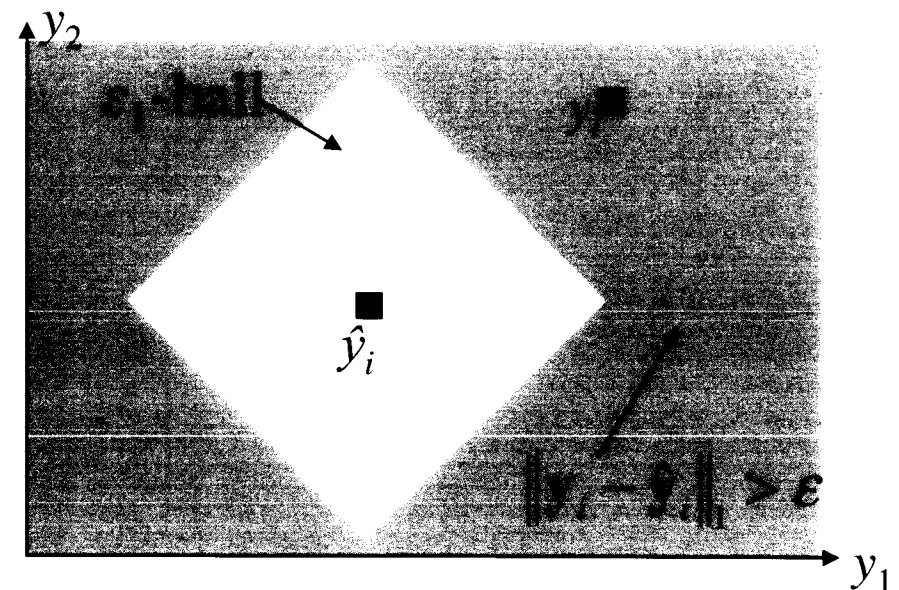


Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\alpha_i = \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\boldsymbol{\delta}_i + \boldsymbol{\delta}_i^*\|_p = \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p > \varepsilon$$

Out of the  $\varepsilon_p$ -ball



# Finding the Bias

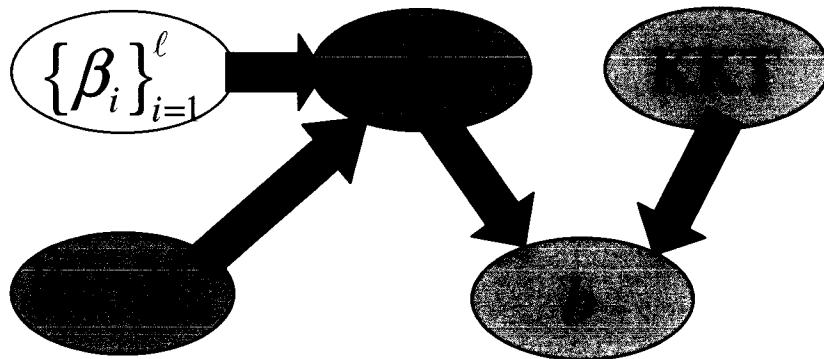
Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

Maximize:  $D(\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\ell)$       Solve for  $\beta_i$  numerically

Subject to:  $\sum_{i=1}^\ell \beta_i = 0, \quad |\beta_i| \leq C$

$$e_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \hat{y}_i$$

$$= \mathbf{y}_i - \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^\ell \beta_j k(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i)}_{F_i} - b = \mathbf{y}_i - b$$



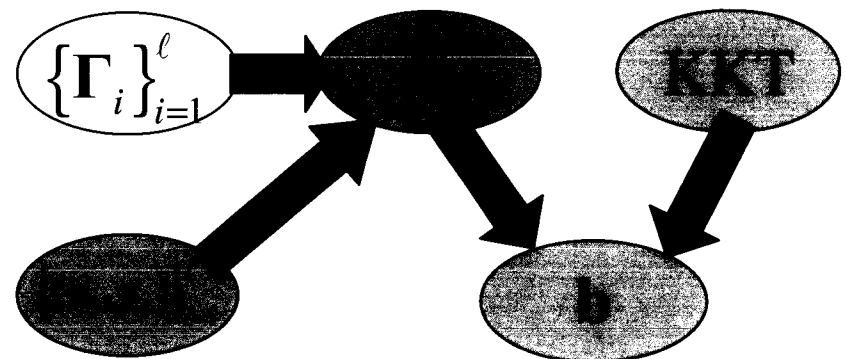
Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Maximize:  $D(\{\Gamma_i\}_{i=1}^\ell)$       Solve for  $\Gamma_i$  numerically

Subject to:  $\sum_{i=1}^\ell \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_q \leq C$

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_i$$

$$= \mathbf{y}_i - \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^\ell \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i)}_{\mathbf{F}_i} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{b}$$



# Finding the bias ( $1 < p < \infty$ )

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

For  $i \in \mathcal{M} = \{i : |\beta_i| \in (0, C)\}$

$$F_i - b = e_i = \text{sign}(\beta_i) \varepsilon \quad \text{by KKT}$$

if  $s_i = \text{sign}(\beta_i)$

it follows that

$$b = F_i - s_i \varepsilon$$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

For  $i \in \mathcal{M} \triangleq \{i : \|\mathbf{\Gamma}_i\|_q \in (0, C)\}$

$$\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{e}_i = \left( \frac{|\mathbf{\Gamma}_i|}{\|\mathbf{\Gamma}_i\|_q} \right)^{q-1} \text{sign}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_i) \varepsilon \quad \text{by KKT}$$

if  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i = \text{sign}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_i)$

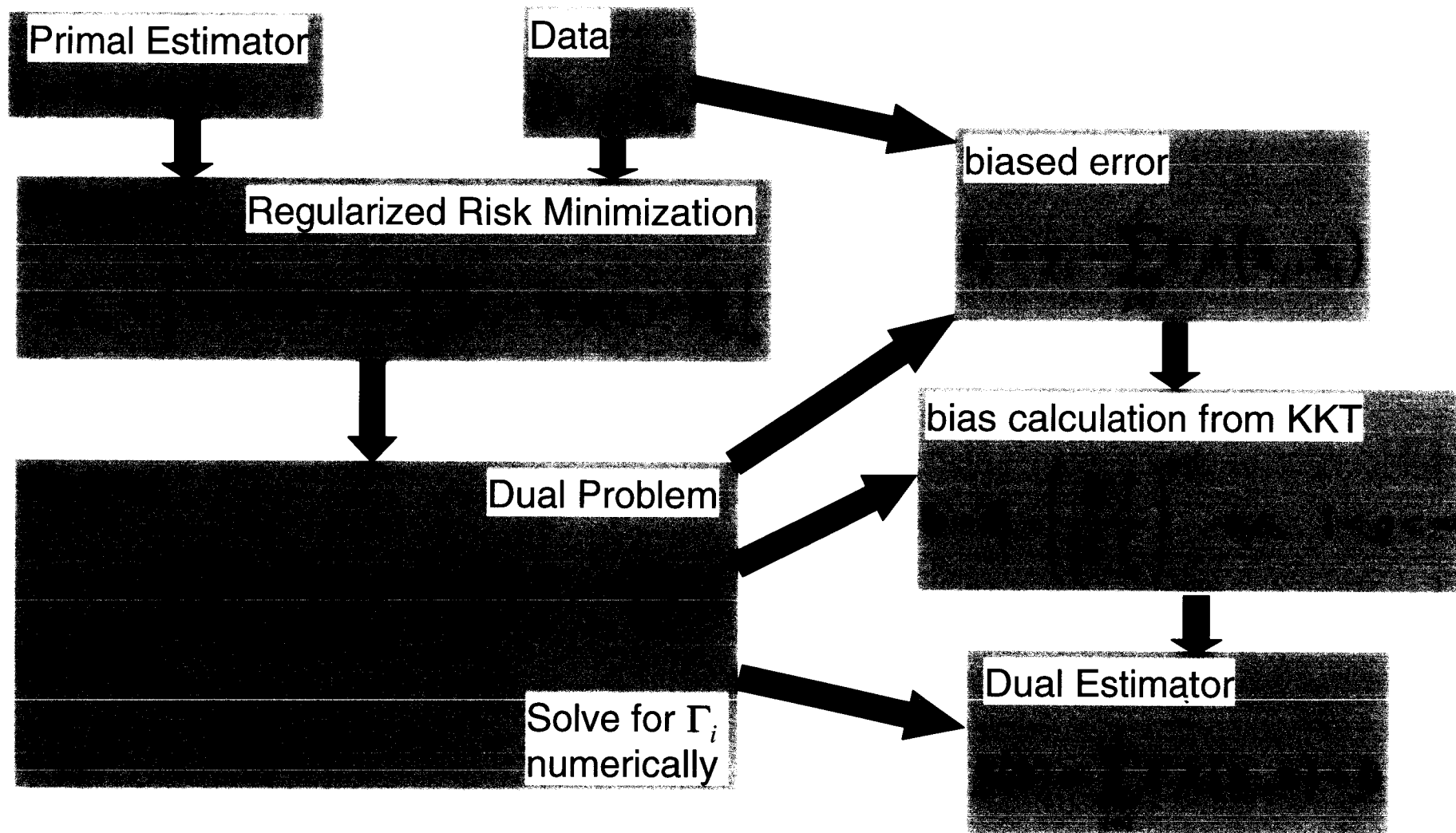
it follows that

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{F}_i - \left( \frac{|\mathbf{\Gamma}_i|}{\|\mathbf{\Gamma}_i\|_q} \right)^{q-1} \circ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \varepsilon, \quad 1 < q < \infty$$

# Summary

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$



# Comparison

Scalar Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

**Estimator form:**

$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) + b = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{SV}} \beta_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$$

**Optimization Problem:**

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \beta_i \beta_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} y_i \beta_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |\beta_i|$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \beta_i = 0, \quad |\beta_i| \leq C$$

**KKT:**

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_i = 0 & \rightarrow |e_i| < \varepsilon \\ |\beta_i| \in (0, C) & \rightarrow |e_i| = \varepsilon \\ |\beta_i| = C & \rightarrow |e_i| > \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

**Estimator form:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{SV}} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}$$

**Optimization Problem:**

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i = 0, \quad \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q \leq C$$

**KKT:**

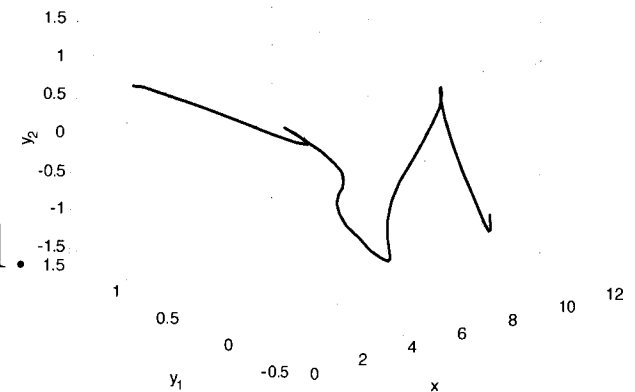
$$\begin{aligned} \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q = 0 & \rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p < \varepsilon \\ \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q \in (0, C) & \rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p = \varepsilon \\ \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i\|_q = C & \rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_p > \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

# Demonstrations for $p = 1, 2, \infty$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

We will demonstrate the VV-SVR for the following process:

$$\mathbf{y}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(x) \\ y_2(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{0.1x} \text{sinc}(x) \\ \cos(0.1x^2) \end{bmatrix}$$



The following RBF kernel was used with  $\sigma = 1$ .

$$k(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - x_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

50 samples were chosen on the interval  $[0, 10]$  for training and  $\varepsilon = 0.1$ .

Matlab was used as the solver.



# The 1-Norm

$p = 1$

$q \sim \infty$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

The dual problem:

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\Gamma_i\|_{\infty}$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_{\infty} \leq C$$

Note:  $D$  is non-smooth in its objective and constraint.

The dual problem after introduction of  $\alpha_i$ :

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i$$

Subject to:

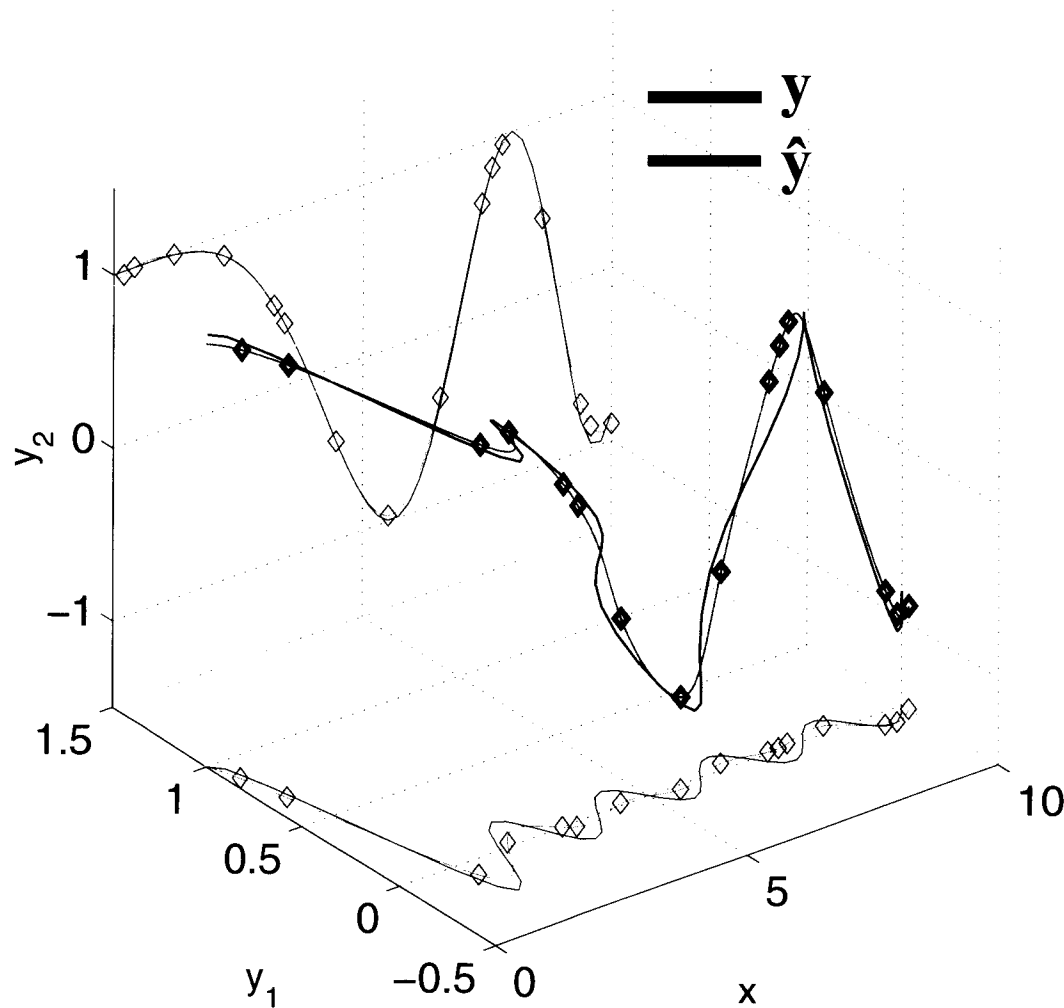
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad -\alpha_i \mathbf{1} \leq \Gamma_i \leq \alpha_i \mathbf{1}, \quad \alpha_i \leq C$$

Note:  $D$  is quadratic in its objective and linear in its constraint.

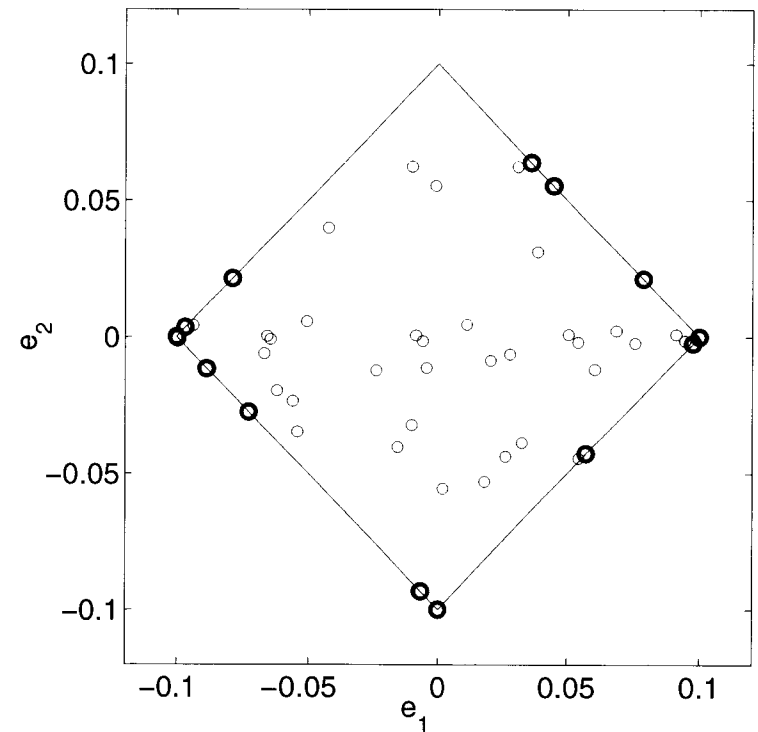
Solve for  $\Gamma_i$  using a standard QP package.

# Demonstration (1-Norm)

Vector Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$



16 support vectors



Matlab's `quadprog()` was used to find  $\Gamma_i$ .

# The 2-Norm

$p = 2$   
 $q = 2$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

The dual problem:

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\Gamma_i\|_2$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_2 \leq C$$

Note:  $D$  is non-smooth in its objective and constraint.

The constraint is nonlinear.

The dual problem after introduction of  $\alpha_i$ :

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i$$

Subject to:

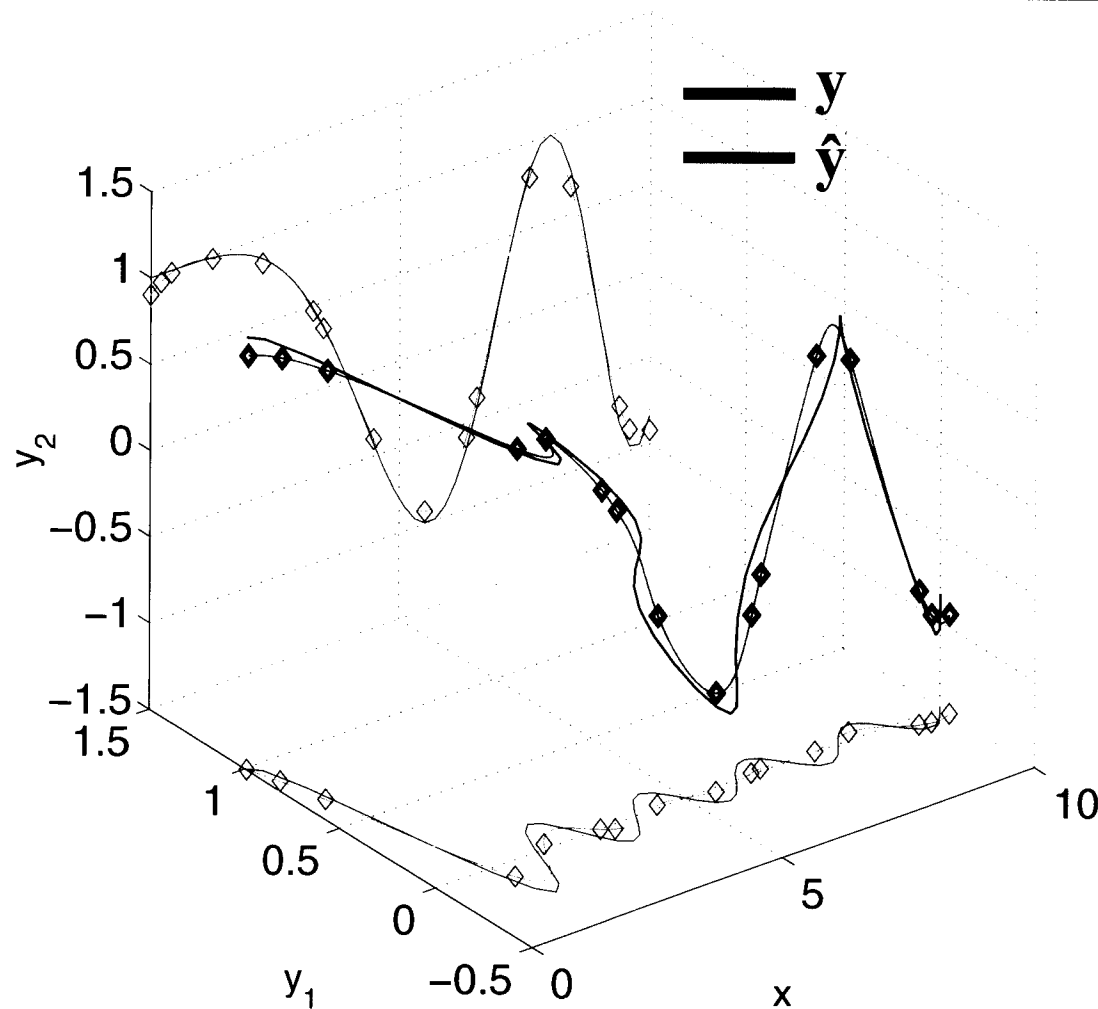
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_i = \alpha_i^2, \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

Note:  $D$  is quadratic in its objective and nonlinear but smooth in its constraint.

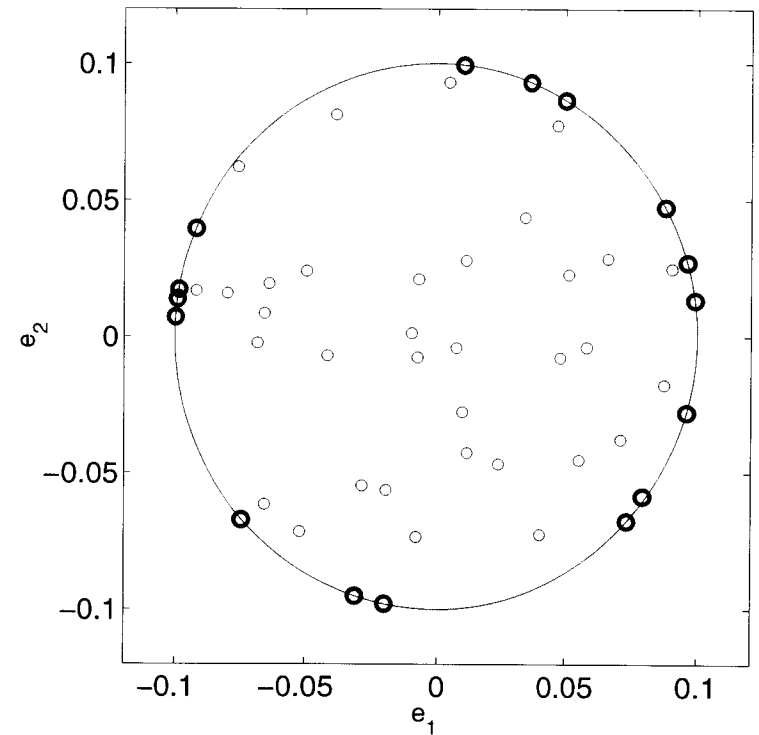
Solve for  $\Gamma_i$  using a standard nonlinear programming package which can use gradients.

# Demonstration (2-Norm)

Vector Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$



16 support vectors



Matlab's `fmincon()`  
was used to find  $\Gamma_i$ .

# The $\infty$ -Norm

$$\begin{aligned} p &\sim \infty \\ q &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

The dual problem:

Maximize:

$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\Gamma_i\|_1$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_1 \leq C$$

Note:  $D$  is non-smooth in its objective and constraint.

The dual problem after introduction of  $\gamma_i$  and  $\gamma_i^*$ :

Maximize:

$$\begin{aligned} D = & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} (\gamma_i - \gamma_i^*)^T (\gamma_j - \gamma_j^*) k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{y}_i^T (\gamma_i - \gamma_i^*) - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{1}^T (\gamma_i + \gamma_i^*) \end{aligned}$$

Subject to:

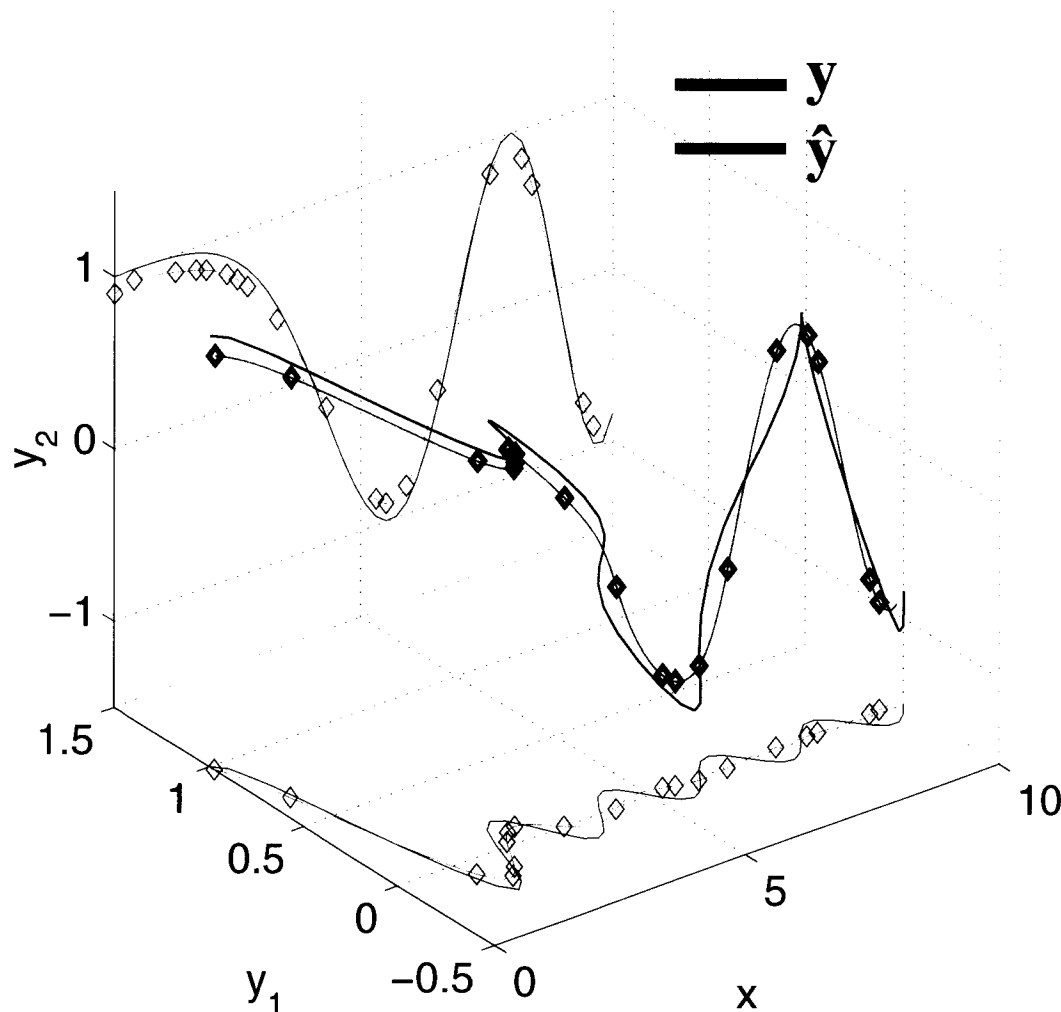
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T (\gamma_i + \gamma_i^*) \leq C, \quad \gamma_i, \gamma_i^* \geq 0$$

Note:  $D$  is quadratic in its objective and linear in its constraint.

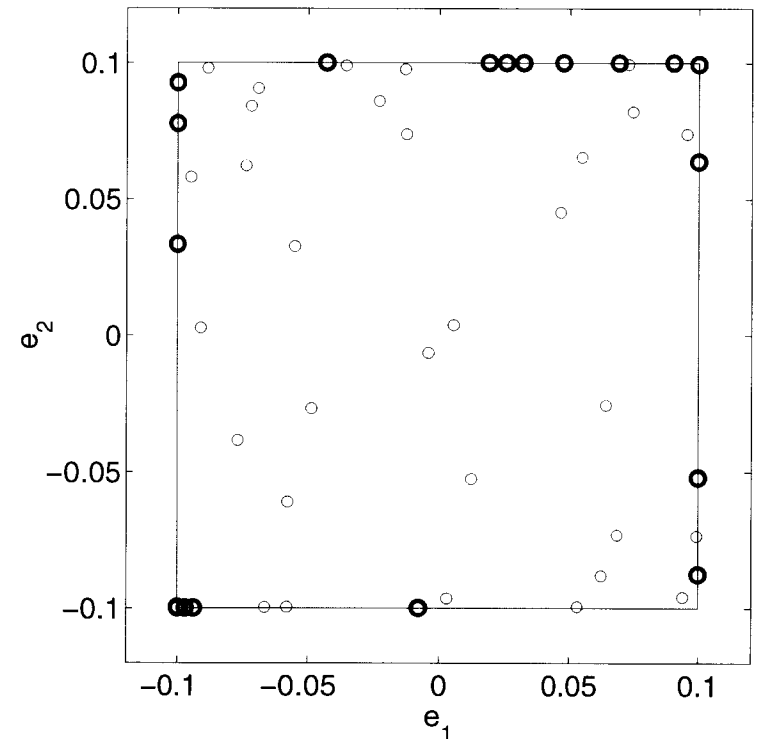
Solve for  $\Gamma_i$  using a standard QP package.

# Demonstration ( $\infty$ -Norm)

Vector Case:  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$



19 support vectors



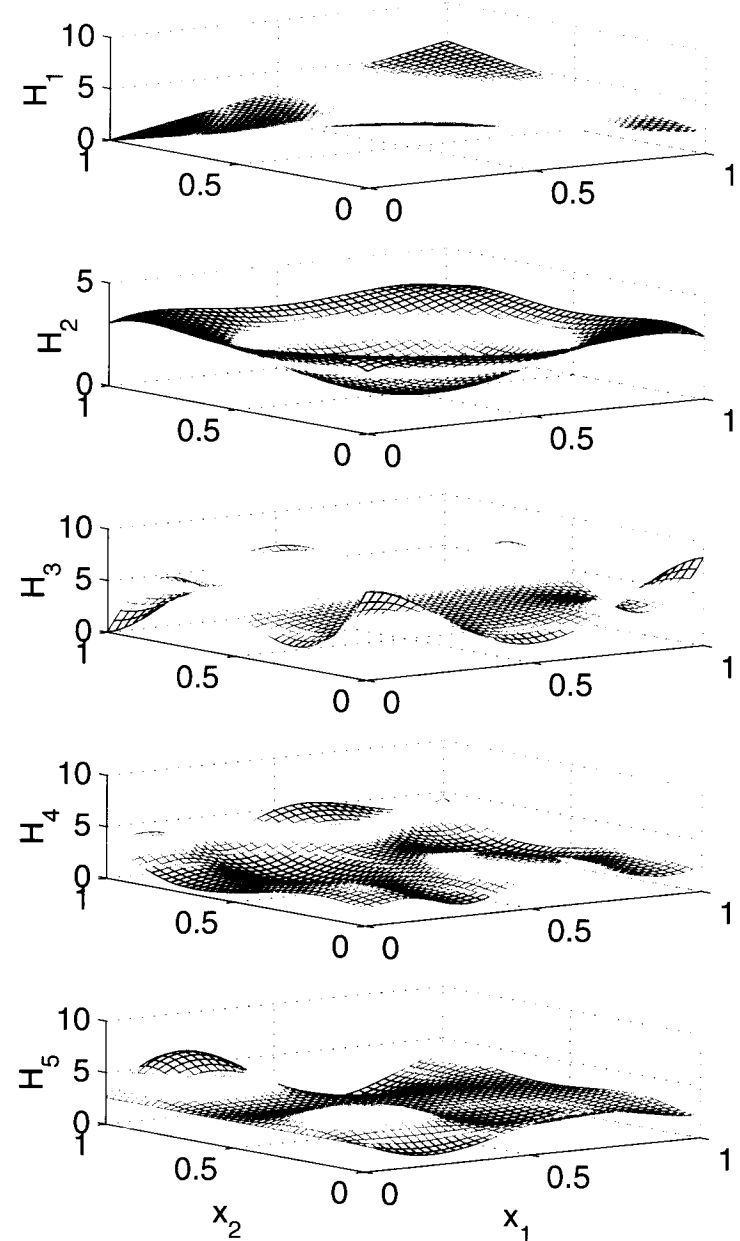
Matlab's `quadprog()` was used to find  $\Gamma_i$ .

# Example Hwang

- Hwang data set

$$\mathbf{H} : [0,1]^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+^5$$

- Artificial vector-valued data set
- Of Historical significance
- Input domain is randomly sampled



# Hwang

$$\ell = 500, \quad \varepsilon = 0.5$$

$$C = 100, \quad \gamma = 8$$

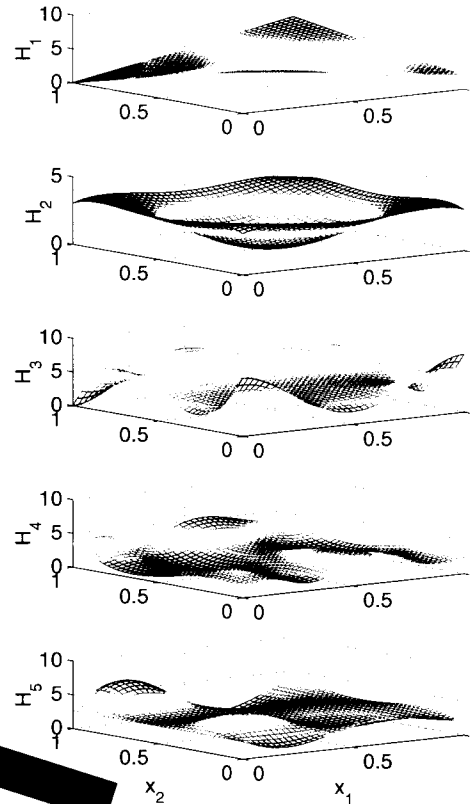
$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{H}_i\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$$

Maximize:

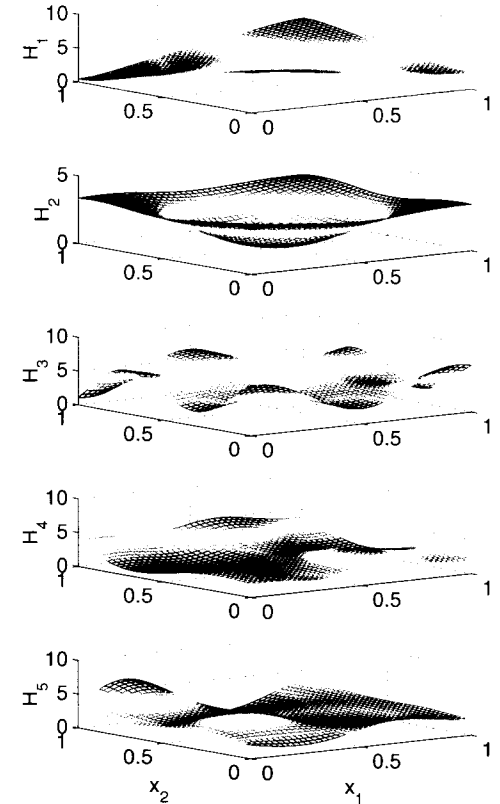
$$D = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i^T \Gamma_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{H}_i^T \Gamma_i - \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \|\Gamma_i\|_2$$

Subject to:  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \Gamma_i = 0, \quad \|\Gamma_i\|_2 \leq C$



$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x})$



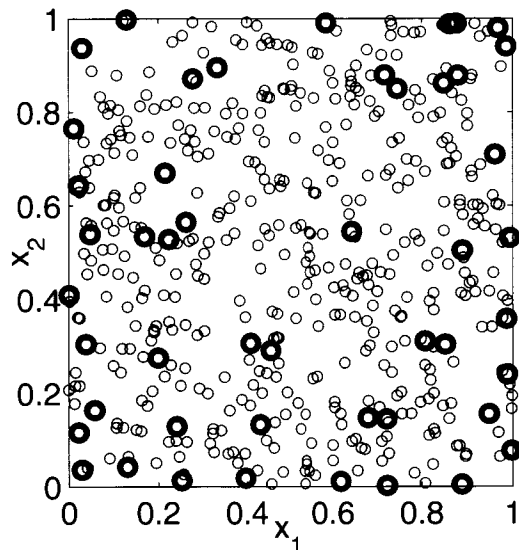
$\hat{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{SV}} \Gamma_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b}$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \exp\left(-\gamma \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|_2^2\right)$$

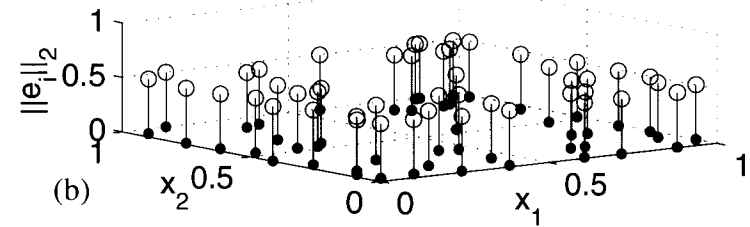
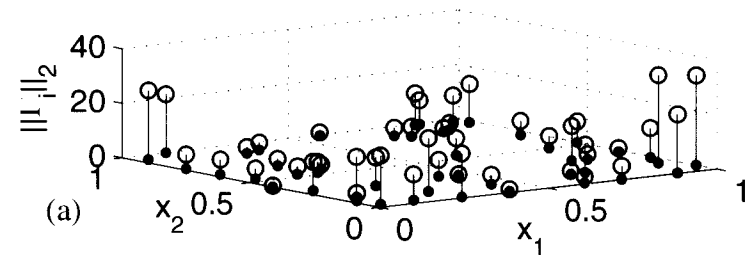


# Hwang KKT



**48 Support Vectors**

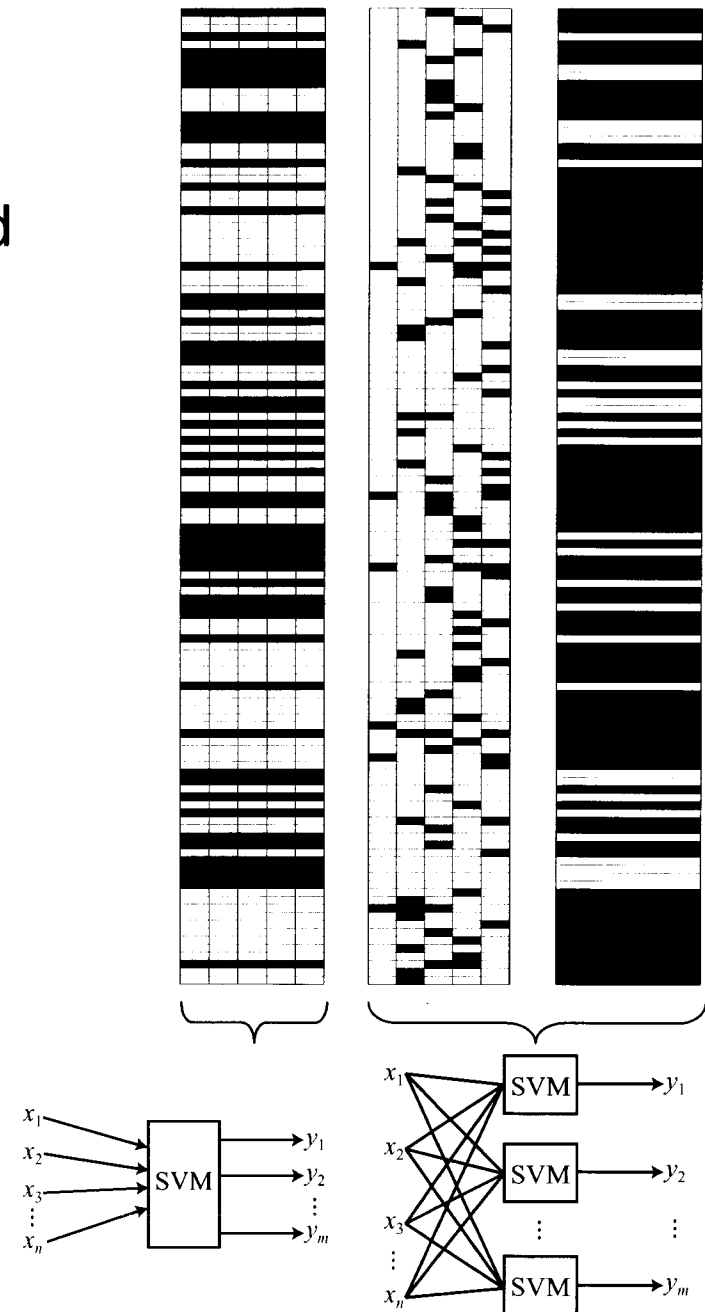
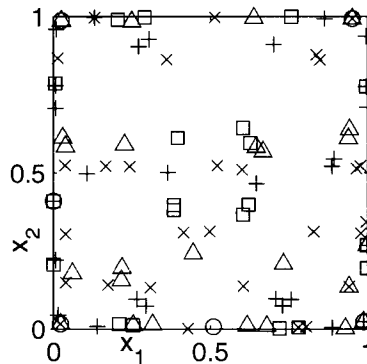
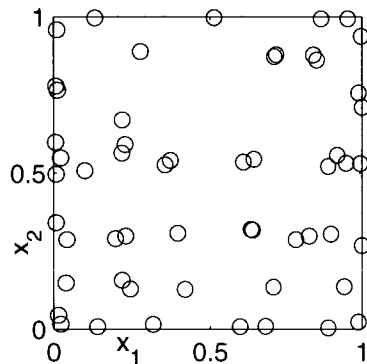
$$\|\Gamma_i\|_2 \in (0, C) \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_i\|_2 = \varepsilon$$



**KKT Conditions**

# Sparsisity

- Compare VV-SVR with aggregated SVR (libsvm)
- Hwang data set with 2,000 points
- Equal Volume
  - VV-SVR  $\varepsilon = 0.5$
  - SVR  $\varepsilon = 0.34850$
- Support Vectors
  - VV-SVR 55
  - SVR 92



# Conclusions

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Vector Case:  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

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- VV-SVR generalizes the scalar-valued case.
  - Estimator form and parameters
  - Loss function
  - Regularization functional
- VV-SVR maintains the sparsity of the scalar-valued case.